892-93 and 1993-94 in West Bengal 'ith names of places;

(b) the number of cases in which inction of dealership was accorded > per the recommendation of the iate Government;

(c) whether there are proposals ing pending for issue oif LPG dealer. ip during the current year in West Jngal; and

(d) if so, the names of the places r such proposed 'dealerships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM TO NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN ATISH SHARMA): (a) Letters of tent for 15 LPG distributorships ;re issued during 1992-93 and 1993-in West Bengal.

(ib) LPG distributorships are not action ed on the recommendations of e State Government, but on the sis of selection by Oil Selection ard.

(c) and (d) 35 proposals are pen is for isetting up olf LPG distribu- rships at different locations in West ngal.

Increase in the Import Bills of Petroleum Products

71. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will . Minister of PETROLEUM AND iTURAL GAS be pleased to state:

al whether it is a fact that the ude oil, and petroleum product im. rt bill is estimated to touch $17.3 lion by the terminal year of the rh+b Plan: if so. what are the reals therefor;

b) whether it is a fact that by the m of the century the import bill 11 double to $14 billon if st>. what ; the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the alarming situation mentioned in (a) a id (ib) above has arisen due to the had performance and policies of the iment of petroleum related to ' 'oration of crude production and ess of on.ging projects, which are to be completed by tti$_e$ end of Eighth Plan; ■ and

it so what are the reasons "or?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATTSH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The value of net import was 5.587 and 5.07 bil!io$_n$ dollars in 1992-93 and I •; spectively and it is estimated at 5.74 billion dollars in the current year. A$_s$ regards the foreign exchangle requirement; by the end of VI II Plan and turn of the century, it is extremely difficult to predict the impact of various factors like prices of crude oil and products in the international market, materialisation of cnous crude production plan, increase in demand of petroleum ducts which affect the import Bil

(c) and (d) Government have initiate! a number olf steps to increase i-digenous production of crude oil to

■ level of 44.45 million tonnes per yeaj by the end of terminal year of the Eighth Plan. The projects for development of new fields and addi- tional development of existing fields an being closely monitored both by OlMGC and the Government.

SUpt to meet the demand of Oif & Gas

172. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PAR MAR: Will the Minister of PETRO. EUM AND NATURAL GAS be ised i state: l

(al the auantity of oil and gas pro-' duofd in the country, annually patti-n the State of Gujarat;